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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Agriculture

Number of Agricultural subdivisions and demonstrators in the province.

932 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Agricultural divisions into which the province is divided;

(b) the districts which are comprised in each such division;

(c) the number of Agricultural experiment stations in each division and the places where they are located; and

(d) the number of Agricultural demonstrators and the headquarters of each?

A.—(a) to (d) The information is furnished in the statement^a appended.

Fisheries

Income from pearl fisheries.

933 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) why the gross income from pearl fisheries has not increased appreciably during the last 35 years the income being in 1889-90 Rs. 2,15,045 and, in 1925-26 Rs. 2,25,498; and

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps to increase the income from this branch and if so, what they are?

A.—(a) The gross income from pearl fisheries has increased appreciably as will be seen from the following statement:—

Year.	Months in which pearl fishery was held.				Gross receipts.	
					RS.	RS.
1889	...	March	...	...	...	1,89,984
1890	...	Do.	...	...	...	25,061
1926	...	{ February—March		...	2,25,498	2,56,885
		{ November—December.		...	81,387	
1927	...	{ February—April		...	2,54,497	4,49,536
		{ November 1927 to		...	1,95,039	
		{ January 1928		...	...	
1928	...	March—April		...	...	2,02,575

(b) Research work has been recently initiated at the Krusadai Island station to investigate the causes for the irregular periodicity of pearl fisheries and the remedies for counteracting the influences relating to such irregular occurrences.

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Industries

Improvement of the aloe fibre industry in this province.

934 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have investigated the scope in this province for extension of the aloe fibre industry;

(b) what is the extent to which the industry exists now; and

(c) whether the Government will consider the desirability of undertaking the improvement of this industry by starting a mill themselves?

A.—(a) No special investigation has been made into the possibilities of the aloe fibre industry.

(b) There have been several attempts to establish the industry in South India, chiefly in the Travancore High Range, near Pallavaram, in the Shevaroy's, Coorg, Mysore State and the Anantapur district, but the only localities where the industry appears to be carried on now with any degree of success are Sige Hosur in Coorg and Palsamudram in the Anantapur district.

(c) It is not considered that there is a case for Government starting a mill as there are already one or two factories in South India conducting operations.

Opening of an industrial school at Calicut.

935 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether any decision has been reached with regard to the opening of an industrial school at Calicut; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay.

A.—(a) & (b) Owing to want of funds in the current year, it is proposed to consider the scheme in connexion with the budget of 1929-30.

Experiments in crop cutting in the Presidency.

936 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether any experiments in crop cutting are being conducted in this Presidency;

(b) if not, why;

(c) for how long the subject has been before the Government; and

(d) what the probable cost of the experiments will be?

A.—(a) & (b) No such experiments were conducted in this Presidency for the past six years as the utility of these experiments is doubtful.

(c) Since 1922.

(d) The Government have no information.

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Medical

Extensions to the headquarters hospital at Palamcottah.

937 Q.—**MR. DANIEL THOMAS:** Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the site for the new headquarters hospital at Palamcottah has been selected and finally settled;

(b) when the building of the new hospital will be commenced;

(c) whether private houses and lands adjoining the present hospital premises were acquired for the purpose of hospital extension several years ago;

(d) why the new hospital was not built at the site of the present premises;

(e) whether the present in-patient accommodation in the hospital is adequate and satisfactory; and

(f) whether the Government will be pleased to expedite the construction of a new hospital?

A.—(a) The Government have provisionally decided that a new hospital should be constructed in the neighbourhood of the existing hospital for women and children, but the exact site has not yet been selected.

(b) It is not possible to give a precise answer to this question. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (g) of his question No. 1318 on the 23rd January 1928.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Government decided to abandon the site of the present hospital in view of the difficulty of obtaining a good water-supply.

(e) The accommodation is adequate as will be seen from the following figures:—

Year.				Number of beds.	Daily average attendance.
1925	...	...	...	68	38
1926	...	...	...	68	45
1927	...	...	...	68	49

The Government have recognized that the buildings are unsuitable.

(f) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (b) above.

Special course of training in venereal clinics to medical practitioners.

938 Q.—**MR. K. V. R. SWAMI:** Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government have in view any scheme for giving special course of training in venereal clinics to medical practitioners of this Province, and, if not, why not?

A.—The Government have recently sanctioned the appointment of a specialist in venereal diseases for this Presidency. One of the duties of this specialist is to train members of the various hospital staffs in the practical methods of diagnosis and treatment and to give similar training to medical men and women from rural areas and provincial towns who may be selected for the purpose. Details can be worked out only after the officer selected for the post has taken charge.

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Remodelling of the General Hospital.

939 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the estimates and plans for the remodelling of the General Hospital, Madras, are ready;

(b) what the various items of improvements are;

(c) whether any sites have been acquired;

(d) if so, at what cost;

(e) whether the construction of the buildings has commenced; and

(f) what expenditure has already been incurred thereon?

A.—(a) Rough plans and approximate estimates were sanctioned in 1927.

Detailed plans and estimates have been sanctioned for the following works:—

Temporary sheds.

Out-patient department.

Venereal diseases block.

X-ray institute.

Additions and alterations to electric installation, and other minor items.

(b) The several items of improvements are—

(1) Out-patient department.

(2) Venereal block.

(3) X-ray institute.

(4) Nurses dining and recreation block [since included under item (5) below].

(5) Surgical wards and operation block with rooms for nurses at top.

(6) Remodelling the existing main building, etc.

(7) Temporary sheds.

(8) Dairy.

(9) Sanitary works, etc.

(9) (a) Laundry.

(10) Hospital equipment.

(c) No.

(d) The question does not arise.

(e) Yes.

(f) An expenditure of Rs. 67,520 has been incurred on the buildings up to the end of October 1928.

Education*Scholarships to depressed class boys in Ceded Districts High School.*

940 Q.—Mr. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many depressed class boys have been granted scholarships in the Ceded District High Schools for the year, 1928-29; and

(b) how many in each district?

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A.—(a) & (b) The particulars required are given in the subjoined statement :—

District.		Number of scholarships awarded to depressed class boys.	Remarks.
Cuddapah	...	5	Includes two scholarships awarded to Christian pupils of Adi-Andhra origin.
Kurnool	...	1	
Bellary	...	2	
Anantapur	...	6	Includes one scholarship awarded to a Christian pupil of Adi-Andhra origin.
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Number of municipal elementary schools in this Province.

*941 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of municipalities in the Presidency;
- (b) the number of elementary schools required in each for providing facilities for each boy of school-going age;
- (c) the number available in each;
- (d) whether any elementary tax is being collected in such municipalities; and
- (e) in which of them elementary education has been made compulsory?

A.—(a) The total number of municipalities is 82, including the Corporation of Madras and the recently formed Karaikudi Municipality.

(b) & (c) The Government have not got the information.

(d) & (e) Lists^a showing the municipalities in which education-tax is being levied and those in which compulsory elementary education has been introduced are laid on the table.

Transfer of educational inspectors to the control of local bodies.

942 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) what are the reasons for not placing the educational inspecting staff under the control of the local bodies; and
- (b) whether the Government will allow the local bodies to appoint their own inspecting staff?

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- A.—(a) The educational inspecting staff has to inspect schools under various kinds of management, viz., Government, local bodies and private agencies, and has to submit reports about the working of these schools. The local bodies have at present no control over schools other than their own and any inspecting officers employed under them cannot be expected to exercise supervision over the schools under other managements.
- (b) The Government are permitting the employment in individual cases of supervisors of elementary schools under local bodies. Employment of these supervisors is generally allowed in cases of municipalities which have introduced compulsory education and in other cases if the local bodies applying for permission to employ the supervisors have provided schools in all school-less centres with a population of 500 and over and have adequately staffed and equipped the elementary schools under their management.

Local Boards

Inclusion of 'Vaiśyas' as a minority community for nominations to local bodies.

943 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether Vaiśyas have been included in the minority communities and whether the authorities concerned have been advised to recommend members of the Vaiśya community in proposing persons for nomination to local bodies?

- A.—(a) No classification of minority communities has been attempted by Government.
- (b) No such advice has been tendered.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Proposed amalgamation of the Vellore and Cheyyar Devasthanam Committees.

944 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) whether there is any proposal to amalgamate the Vellore and Cheyyar Devasthanam Committees as a single committee for the district;
- (b) if so, what is the number of members proposed to be allotted to each taluk;
- (c) the names of temples in the North Arcot district with annual incomes of over Rs. 3,000 each;
- (d) whether he contemplates selection of members from areas where these big temples are located; and
- (e) whether in making appointments to the membership of temple committees people who have made rich endowments to temples are preferred, provided they have the other requisite qualifications?

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A.—(a), (b) & (d) A single committee has been constituted for the North Arcot district with a strength of twelve members in the place of the two committees formed in 1927. The hon. Member's attention is invited to notification Nos. 1209 and 1217 of Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 21st August 1928 and No. 1378, dated 18th September 1928.

(c) The Government have no information.

(e) The factor mentioned in the clause is taken into account in making appointments.

Civil Justice

Alleged memorial regarding the establishment of a District Munsif's Court at Cheyyar.

945 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the mahazar sent by the people of Cheyyar taluk, North Arcot district, praying for the establishment of a District Munsif's Court at Cheyyar and whether they recommended to the High Court the establishment of a court at Cheyyar;

(b) whether they will be pleased to call from the High Court for particulars about the need for the establishment of a District Munsif's Court there;

(c) whether the matter was already once considered by the Government and the establishment of a civil court at Cheyyar was actually recommended by them; and

(d) if so, whether Government will be pleased to lay these papers on the table of this House?

A.—(a) Yes; but the Government have not made any recommendation to the High Court.

(b) The Government do not propose to call for any particulars. Under the Madras Civil Courts Act, the High Court is the authority that determines the location of District Munsifs' courts.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

(d) Does not arise.

Abolition of the Pleaders' examination.

946 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) when was the notification abolishing the Pleaders' examination published;

(b) what is the number of candidates who failed in the last Pleaders' examination;

(c) whether these candidates memorialized the President, Board of Pleaders' examination, praying for the holding of one or two more examinations solely for the benefit of such "candidates"; and

(d) what relief Government propose to give to such cases?

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- A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the notification published by the High Court at pages 1493—1495 of Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette* dated the 25th October 1927.
- (b) Out of 250 candidates who presented themselves for the examination, 107 failed in it.
- (c) The Government have no information. A memorial was, however, received by Government from two of the candidates who failed in September 1928, and they were told they should address the High Court in the matter.
- (d) The Government do not propose to take any action in the matter.

Increasing the pay of the process-servers.

947 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) whether the Government have arrived at any decision with reference to the question of increasing the pay of the process-servers; and
- (b) if so, what that decision is?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 220.

Forests

Alleged circulars regarding levy of fines in abkari and forest offences.

948 Q.—Mr. DANIEL THOMAS: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether circulars have been issued by District Magistrates to subordinate magistrates with reference to abkari and forest offences directing that the fines levied should be double and in any case should not be less than the compensation amounts fixed by Abkari and Forest officers;

(b) whether such circulars are now in force in the Tinnevely district; and

(c) whether the Government propose to take steps to have such circulars cancelled?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

(c) Does not arise.

Irrigation

Emigration from this Presidency from 1920—1926.

949 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of men, women and children who emigrated from this Province to other countries in each of the years from 1920 to 1926; and

(b) the countries to which they have emigrated and their number in each of the above years?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the annual Emigration and Immigration reports from 1920 to 1926 which have been placed on the Editors' table.

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Police

Selection of depressed class candidates as Sub-Inspectors of Police.

950 Q.—**Mr. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA**: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many posts of Sub-Inspectors of Police fell vacant this year in each district in the Presidency;

(b) how many depressed class candidates appeared for the Sub-Inspector selection in each district in the Presidency; and

(c) how many of them were selected in each district in the Presidency?

A.—(a) Recruitment is not made against district vacancies alone but against the Presidency vacancies as a whole. Ninety posts fell vacant this year.

(b) Six candidates belonging to the depressed classes applied from the following districts:—

North Arcot	...	...	...	...	...	3
Chingleput	...	...	...	...	...	1
Coimbatore	...	...	...	...	...	1
Madras City	...	...	...	...	...	1

(c) Two candidates were selected—one from the North Arcot district and the other from the Coimbatore district.

Assignment of Land

Grant of darkhast lands to ex-military men.

951 Q.—**Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur**: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to the answer to question No. 524, dated 11th October 1928,—

(a) whether the following ex-military men are entitled to the grant of lands on darkhast:—

(i) ex-army sepoy who have served and have been discharged from the Army before the Great War;

(ii) ex-army men who have served and have been discharged from the Army after the Armistice;

(iii) sepoy who are still serving in the Army;

(iv) non-combatants who have enlisted in the Army during the Great War, who have served overseas and are in possession of war medals; and

(b) if so, what are the rules governing the grant and whether they are entitled to any preferential treatment over non-military people while considering applications for such grants?

A.—(a) & (b) Officers and men of the Indian Army who actually served as combatants in the Great War are given preference in regard to applications for a grant of land on darkhast in the villages in which they reside unless they have already been assigned in those villages land amounting to 5 acres of wet or its equivalent at 2 acres of dry to one of wet after 14th April 1921. This preference is over all other applicants for the land except the following:—

(1) a person who has occupied the land under sivayi-jama and has expended a material amount of labour or money in clearing the land of weeds, scrub or prickly-pear or otherwise fitting it for cultivation or improving it.

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- (2) A person who holds the trees on the land under the tree-tax system or who has been using the water of a well in the land for cultivation.

Preference is not now given to any non-combatant or to any combatant who did not serve in the Great War.

Irrigation

Improvement and extension of the Vamsadhara project.

952 Q.—MR. V. KAMESWARA RAO NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Ganjam Irrigation Committee have made any definite proposals with respect to the improvement or extension of the Vamsadhara project;

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place the report and connected papers on the table of the House;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the river Vamsadhara has been corroding the bund of the river at Kalingapatam; and

(d) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to enquire into it and take steps to protect the town from the same?

A.—(a) & (b) The Ganjam Irrigation Committee have not yet made any recommendation in regard to the Vamsadhara project.

(c) & (d) Yes. The Government have sanctioned an estimate of Rs. 3,740 for the construction of pile groynes in the river to stop the erosion which is endangering Government buildings on the right bank of the river.

Tanks in East Godavari irrigating 500 and more acres.

953 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any tanks in East Godavari which irrigate 500 acres and more;

(b) if so, which they are, and what the capacity of each is; and

(c) if the Government have no information, whether they will call for the same?

A.—(a) to (c) A list of tanks irrigating 500 acres and more in the East Godavari district is appended.

Information regarding the capacities of the tanks has been called for from the Superintending Engineer.

Number of tanks in this province irrigating 500 acres and more.

954 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of tanks which irrigate 500 acres and more in this province; and

(b) the number of such tanks in each of the districts?

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A.—(a) There are 428 tanks irrigating 500 acres and more in this Province.

(b) A statement^a showing the number of such tanks in each district is appended.

Irrigation of lands in Thirumalai village.

955 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any lands belonging to Thirumalai village in Peddapur taluk, East Godavari, are irrigated from the water of the Thimmaraju tank;

(b) if not, whether any lands are being irrigated without the required permission;

(c) what the extent of such lands is in each of the last ten years;

(d) whether this village can be included in the ayacut of the tank; and

(e) if not, why?

A.—(a) to (e) The information has been called for.

Further enquiry regarding the Maluvambat tank in Tiruvannamalai taluk, North Arcot district.

956 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether, owing to the conflicting opinions expressed by two Superintending Engineers regarding the Maluvambat tank in Tiruvannamalai taluk, North Arcot district, any further enquiry has been made, and, if so what final orders have been passed on the same;

(b) if no such enquiry has been made, whether Government will be pleased to call for a report from a fresh officer such as the head of the department;

(c) what is the extent of area and the number of people that are to be benefited by this scheme; and

(d) what is the present economic condition of the people that are to be benefited by this scheme?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information about the Maluvambattu scheme beyond what is contained in the report placed on the table in reply to the hon. Member's question No. 983, dated 31st October 1927, namely, that this scheme had been dropped. They are unaware of any reports of the Superintending Engineer conflicting or otherwise.

Supply of water to the Kaveripauk tank.

957 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 211 answered on 6th September 1928 regarding supply of water to Kaveripauk tank—

(a) whether the report called for has been received and if so, whether Government will be pleased to lay the same on the table of this House; and

(b) whether any conclusion has been arrived at by Government on the matter after the receipt of the report?

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- A.—(a) The report has been received and is placed on the table.
 (b) The question of insufficient supply to the Kaveripauk tank is merged in the general question of scanty supplies in the Palar, which, as already stated in answer to clause (g) of question No. 211, has been receiving the attention of the Government for some time past. No conclusion has been arrived at.

Agency

Introduction of Central Distillery system in G. Udayagiri taluk, Ganjam Agency.

958 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) whether the Government intend to introduce the Central Distillery system in G. Udayagiri taluk, Ganjam Agency ;
 (b) whether the Commissioner of Excise recommended any such scheme to Government ;
 (c) whether the local missionaries waited on a deputation on the Agent to the Governor and protested against the introduction of any such scheme ;
 (d) whether these missionaries presented any written representation to the Agent to the Governor at any time during last year ; and
 (e) if so, whether Government would place it on the Council table ?

A.—(a) No such proposal is at present under the consideration of the Government.

- (b) & (c) In accordance with the recommendation of a conference of Agency officers the Commissioner of Excise submitted, in March 1928, proposals for the introduction of the Central Distillery system in the G. Udayagiri taluk of the Ganjam Agency. The Commissioner reported later that there were doubts about the suitability of the system for the Ganjam Agency and that the local missionaries were not in favour of it. He requested that the consideration of the proposal might be deferred until he had had time to ascertain for himself the existing local conditions. The scheme has accordingly been held in abeyance.

(d) Yes.

- (e) The document has not been submitted to the Government. The Government do not think it necessary to call for it and lay it on the table.

Elementary education in Ganjam Agency.

959 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of boys and girls of school-going age in the Ganjam Agency ; and
 (b) for how many such boys and girls elementary schools are available ?

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A.—(a) The male and female population of the Ganjam Agency tracts was according to the census of 1921, 165,889 males and 167,009 females. Fifteen per cent of the total population would perhaps be a fair estimate of the number of school-going age.

(b) The total number of elementary schools for boys and girls in the Ganjam Agency on 31st March 1927 was 306.

Forest Panchayats

Forest panchayats in Kurnool district.

960 Q.—MR. G. HARISARVOITAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the names of forest panchayats now in existence in the Kurnool district;

(b) the area of reserve forests under the control of every one of these panchayats;

(c) the range, of [which the forest area now transferred, formed a part;

(d) the area of such range;

(e) the grazing fee levied by every one of these panchayats per cow-unit; and

(f) the nature of the panchayat area, namely, whether it is mere grazing area, whether it contains underwood or whether it contains tree growth fit for timber?

A.—(a) to (f) The Government have not the information, but have called for a report.

Land Revenue

Inclusion in settlement registers of the information regarding quit-rent payable by inamdars.

961 Q.—MR. V. KAMESWARA RAO NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the present settlement or diplot registers of Government jirayati villages show the assessment on enfranchised inams, but not the quit-rent payable by the inamdar on each inam or title-deed separately;

(b) if so, why this information is omitted; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to order the insertion of this information in the remarks column of the settlement registers now under preparation or to be prepared hereafter?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The quit-rent referred to in clause (a) of the question is shown in village register B—Permanent field register of inams.

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Alleged failure of crops in Pallavapuram village, North Arcot district.

962 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a reservoir and a separate channel have been provided for Pallavapuram village, Cheyyar taluk, North Arcot district, from Cheyyar Anicut;

(b) whether it is a fact that water in the reservoir is and has been for some time in a low level and whether consequently water does not freely flow into the channel;

(c) whether it is a fact that even in “good” years failure of crops has occurred owing to the want of sufficient water and whether there have been fights with the neighbouring villagers for water; and

(d) whether Government will be pleased to call for a report on the matter?

A.—(a) to (c) The Government have no information on the matter.

(d) A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer.

Revenue Establishments

Appointment of depressed classes in the Ceded districts as clerks or probationary Revenue Inspectors.

963 Q.—Mr. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any member of the depressed classes or Salay community has been appointed as probationary revenue inspectors or as clerks in the Ceded districts; and

(b) if so, how many in each district?

A.—(a) & (b) The following statement shows the number of persons belonging to the depressed classes or the Salay community appointed as probationary revenue inspectors or as clerks in the Ceded districts:—

Districts.	Depressed classes.		Salay community.	
	Probationary revenue inspectors.	Clerks.	Probationary revenue inspectors.	Clerks.
Bellary	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cuddapah	..	2 (Boya)	..	3
Anantapur	..	3	..	2
Kurnool	..	..	..	9

Report of the Board of Revenue regarding the cost of the restoration of village officers.

964 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report from the Board of Revenue regarding the total cost of the restored village officers referred to in question No. 1190 answered on 5th November 1927 has been received;

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(b) if so, what the cost is; and

(c) whether the Government propose to reconsider the question of increasing the pay of village officers?

A.—(a) & (b) A report has been received from the Board of Revenue but it did not contain full particulars of the financial effect of the restoration. The Board has been asked to supply them.

(c) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

Rules governing the conduct of village karnams.

965 Q.—MR. V. KAMESWARA RAO NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any rules governing the conduct of karnams and village headmen; and

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to prescribe such rules, as in the case of other Government servants?

A.—(a) & (b) The Village Officers' Manual contains rules for the guidance of village headmen and karnams.

[For further list of unstarred questions, please see page 480 infra.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Agriculture

Introduction of agricultural classes in the Board High School at Poonamallee.

* 966 Q.—MR. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the experiences gained by the Agricultural Department, and the results achieved, by the introduction of agricultural classes and an agricultural farm in the Board High School, Poonamallee;

(b) the expenditure incurred by the Government thereon during the year 1927-28; and

(c) whether the Agricultural Department supervised the farm opened in the Poonamallee High School and whether the department propose to advise any improvements?

A.—(a) The Agricultural Department beyond giving advice when asked for it has not taken any special part in this experiment.

(b) The Agricultural Department have not expended anything.

(c) Advice was given by the Demonstrator at St. Thomas' Mount and the Deputy Director, IV Circle, during their visits to the school. Such advice from them can always be had when sought for.

Excise

Classification of palmyra or coconut toddy arrack as foreign.

* 967 Q.—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether arrack made from coconut or palmyra toddy is in any part of the Presidency classed as foreign; and

(b) if so, where and why?